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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Supplemental Filing*
Oral Ex Parte Presentations in the Proceeding Captioned:

In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link Up; WC Docket Nos. 03-19 and 11-42; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT Staff) files the following supplemental information in response to the August 3, 2011 letter from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding the Ex Parte notice filed by PUCT Staff on June 24, 2011.

At the request of the FCC's staff (FCC Staff), the PUCT conducted a conference call on June 22, 2011 with FCC Staff to discuss certain state specific issues related to the Lifeline and Link Up program. PUCT Staff Jess Totten, Jay Stone and Liz Kayser, participated on a conference call with FCC Staff Cindy Spiers, Jonathan Lechter, Graham Dufault, and Kim Scardino.

FCC Staff and PUCT Staff discussed the matching and automatic enrollment processes in Texas for the Lifeline and Link Up programs and the screening process used by Solix, the Texas Low Income Discount Administrator (LIDA), to eliminate duplicate Lifeline subscriptions for the same customer. PUCT Staff explained that Solix, as the LIDA for the Texas Universal Service Fund, uses the data received from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the applications received from customers that are self-certifying for Lifeline to perform a database match with telecommunications providers to determine which customers are eligible to receive Lifeline and Link Up discounts. PUCT Staff stated that it has worked with Solix to put procedures in place to ensure that only one customer per household receives a Lifeline discount.

In response to FCC Staff's discussion about eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) participating in a national database to certify customers for Lifeline and Link Up, PUCT Staff explained that specific state statutes require all certificated providers, including total service resellers, to provide Lifeline service. Because these providers are not eligible for ETC designation, they would not be able to participate in the national database.

If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 512-936-7390 or liz.kayser@puc.state.tx.us.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Kayser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Liz" and last name "Kayser" clearly distinguishable.

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